

COUNTY OF ERIE, PA

Erie County Council
Erie County Courthouse
140 West Sixth Street, Room 114
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501-1081

September 12, 2019

Dear Governor Wolf,

Erie County Council passed Resolution 30, 2019 "Resolution to Reaffirm Erie County Council's Continued Commitment to Fight for a Community College and Workforce Development Education for the Citizens of Erie County" at a Special Meeting on September 5, 2019 (attached).

Clearly proclaimed is our County's desire for a community college to serve our citizens. We need your help to achieve a positive vote on the application submitted to the Pennsylvania Board of Education for the 15th community college in the Commonwealth. Our application, submitted in June of 2017, deserves an answer as do the citizens of the Commonwealth's fourth largest city.

Over the past year Erie County Council has partnered with County Executive Dahlkemper and our community partner Empower Erie to refine the application and update our community profile to further strengthen our application. Several public hearings have underscored the community wide support we have for the new Erie County Community College.

Erie County Government and its citizens are unified in their desire for the creation of a community college, the next step is up to you. We respectfully, but forcefully, request your support in urging a positive decision by the Pennsylvania Board of Education on Erie County's application.

Erie County stands ready --- we need your support.

Thank you,

Fiore Leone, Chair Erie County Council